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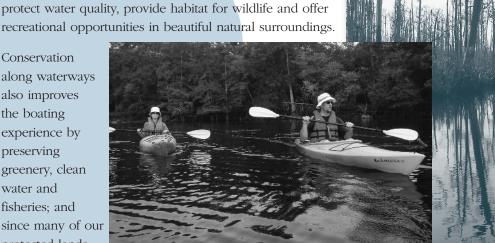
EXPLORE THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST VIA WATER

Coastal North Carolina offers a multitude of water sport options like fishing, boating, water skiing, paddle-boarding, sailing, surfing and scuba diving these opportunities draw tourists to the area and help make the area a great

place to live. Land conservation along waterways plays an important role in preserving our clean waters and beautiful vistas. Since the Coastal Land Trust covers the entire eastern third of North Carolina, we have no lack of waterways and shores to protect! And we are working hard to do just that - the Coastal Land Trust has conserved thousands of acres along coastal North Carolina rivers, streams, and shores, thereby preserving riparian buffers that protect water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and offer

the Coastal Land Trust has made an impact. For example, in the southeast, the Adventure Company of Southport offers blackwater kayaking tours on Town Creek, Rice's Creek, the Lockwood Folly River, the Shallotte River, and the

Conservation along waterways also improves the boating experience by preserving greenery, clean water and fisheries; and since many of our protected lands



are located along scenic rivers some are best experienced from the water. Sometimes the Coastal Land Trust purchases land outright with the goal of creating a public

park, but more often we work with private landowners who wish to conserve their land; and doing so does not require that landowners grant public access. But, it is important to realize that when private lands are conserved the public

benefits from the enhanced ecosystem, beautiful scenery and open space that can often be viewed from roads or waterways. Paddlers can find places to experience the quiet beauty of scenic rivers bordered by ancient cypress swamps. Boaters can anchor next to Masonboro for a swim in the ocean off the undisturbed island. Birders can photograph



Scenic overlook along Town Creek, Brunswick County Nature Park.

Black River. Many of our southeastern rivers are "blackwater" - which means the water is stained a unique dark

reddish color from tannins that leach from dissolved organic matter and cypress trees growing in abundance along the banks. The Coastal Land Trust has protected land along many of these blackwater creeks, preserving a rare ecosystem from development. Hardy recommends the Adventure Company's Rice's Creek paddle especially.

A great new local kayaking put-in spot is located at the 900-acre Brunswick County Nature Park on Town Creek. The Coastal Land Trust has protected thousands of acres on Town Creek; and in partnership with the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund we donated the property for this new park to Brunswick County. If you venture out to explore Town Creek, keep your camera ready because alligators have been sighted near the kayak launch! Bill Raney, one of the founders of the Coastal Land Trust and an avid paddler, is especially proud of our Town Creek land protection efforts; "I treasure the waters of Town Creek where Coastal Land Trust and its partners have put together a combination of protective measures assuring preservation of the environment while enhancing public opportunity to appropriately enjoy the wonderful natural resources."



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because we have protected their nesting habitat, nature photographers may capture photos of alligators and dolphins, and hikers can stretch their legs on scenic nature trails. "My husband and I enjoy the quiet peacefulness of the water and being in the company of the birds and the fish; we become very aware of our connection to all of nature" says Virginia Hardy, a Coastal Land Trust volunteer, of her experience paddling in southeast North Carolina.

Local outfitting companies run tours of many of the pristine waterways where

Planning efforts are underway in Brunswick County to create a North Brunswick County Blueway that would identify a paddling trail highlighting conservation properties like the Brunswick County Nature Park and adding more public water access points. A blueway or blue trail is a marked trail mapped out with signage for boaters to follow that shows access points and/or camping sites and other special features like parks and nature trails along the way. "All of the Brunswick County municipalities, the Coastal Land Trust and many other organizations have signed on to a resolution in support of the North Brunswick County Blueway - the Blueway is there, we just need to make it accessible." says Travis Barnes, Town of Navassa Planner.

West of Wilmington, the Coastal Land Trust has done some land protection on Continued on page 3

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glad we've been able to help provide water access to those who like to canoe and kayak. We hope this newsletter inspires you to make plans

> And guess what else? You'll be helping your community's local economy, too! About 12% of us in North Carolina go fishing, and 15% of us are paddlers. Together with hikers, skiers and bicyclists- both residents and those who visit from out-of-state— we contribute more than \$7.5 billion annually to our state's economy through these activities.

Water is the source of life not only for people,

but for animals, too. Whether ducks are looking

for marshes, or fish are swimming upstream to

spawn, clean water is essential for all wildlife.

corridors. Many smaller animals live out their

they began life, never venturing far from their

Wetlands are important for a variety of birds,

mammals and reptiles, too. We all know that

We're fortunate to be surrounded by water-

creeks and streams, sounds and oceans, rivers

and bays. Many of those drawn to our coastal

communities are boaters, who enjoy cruising the Intracoastal Waterway, sailing our sounds, or

fishing the Gulf Stream. The Coastal Land Trust is

to enjoy the beautiful fall weather on the water!

shrimp, crabs, oysters and clams depend on tidal

original source of water.

Many large animals use river banks as migration

entire life cycle close to the pond or creek where



flows in the estuaries and sounds. As they say, if

you like seafood, you should like wetlands, too.

Many of the Coastal Land Trust's projects protect

our state's rivers, streams and wetlands. As you'll

read, they also provide fantastic recreational

opportunities for you and your family. What I

really like is that our Land Trust projects also

protect critical habitat for wildlife. They help

the day, we're all in this together!

keep our streams clean and pure. At the end of

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Finally, your participation in outdoor activities registers as a "vote" for conservation, and that's important, too. Because land trusts and parks departments play a vital role in insuring healthy communities and healthy environments. We're glad to help save some of the places you loveon the water!

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NEW FACES!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS, & WILDLIFE

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

PADDLING, FISHING, BOATING AND SAILING:

FUN FOR YOU AND GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY

The Coastal Land Trust is pleased to welcome our newest roster of board members. Each member comes to the land trust with a strong interest in conservation. Our latest board members were appointed to the Board at our Annual Meeting on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Please join us in welcoming:

Sadie Price of Wilmington, NC

Sadie recently retired from a 25-year career as a CPA specializing in Tax. A native of Wilmington, she spent the majority of her career in Spartanburg Clark Wright of New Bern, NC

Clark is an attorney with the Law Firm of Davis Hartman Wright in New Bern. A native of Raleigh, he previously served in the Environmental Protection Division of the NC Attorney General's Office, played semi-pro volleyball and once



ran an outdoor outfitters shop. Currently, he serves

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SC. In 1997, she and her husband Jim moved to Wilmington. At the time of her retirement from fulltime work, she was working as a Tax Director for RSM McGladrey. Ms. Price served on numerous boards in Spartanburg,

including the Junior League, the Historical Society and others. She received an undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and a Masters degree in Education from the University of South Carolina.

WISH LIST We would greatly appreciate donations of the following items:

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on the Board of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Clark has hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and wrote the legislation that authorizes the special license plate for the ATC. He, his wife Johanna and two young daughters live in New Bern. Clark received his undergraduate and law degrees from UNC Chapel Hill.

We would also like to take a moment and thank our Bob Emory and Cheryl Smith, both of New Bern, NC, and David Whaley of Wilmington, NC who recently completed their board terms and are have now rotated off. All three members were essential in the operations and fundraising efforts of the Coastal Land Trust and will be greatly missed.

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EXPLORE VIA WATER

the Waccamaw River and is currently working with other conservation organizations on the beginning stages of a proposed Waccamaw River Blue Trail project. The Waccamaw River is a unique blackwater ecosystem with all kinds of rare flora and fauna to see from Lake Waccamaw down through Columbus and Brunswick Counties and into South Carolina. South Carolina already has a blue trail on the southern section of the Waccamaw River; we hope to help North Carolina paddlers more easily connect to this great

resource in coming years.

If you live near Wilmington and are looking to explore Coastal Land Trust by water close to home, we've protected land on Lea Island, Masonboro Island, along the Cape Fear River and the Northeast Cape Fear. To best explore the marshes around

Masonboro Island you can put in at the Trail's End boat launch. Raney recommends this area; "Near and dear to my heart are the marshes behind Masonboro Island. The areas in the marsh complex of Masonboro Island that are accessible only by canoe or kayak are among

the few places in the midst of the increasingly populated areas of New Hanover County that can easily transport one back to the unhurried pace and the unspoiled natural environment of a century ago."

To explore the Cape Fear River, you could put in under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge at the new Dram Tree Park kayak launch at the foot of Castle Street; heading down river from there you would pass by several historic rice plantations that the Coastal Land Trust has protected with conservation agreements generously donated by landowners. Riverside Park is a lovely place to put in if you'd like to explore the Northeast Cape Fear River - and if you head east from that park you'll pass by forested property that is forever protected with a conservation easement.

In the central coast area there's another new kayak launch that will soon be open to the public on Broad Creek at the Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park in Carteret County. The Coastal Land Trust acquired the land for this park in partnership with the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund and then transferred it to Craven County. The County is in the process of developing trails and other park facilities there at this time. There's also the Oakhurst





Nature Park with a canoe/kayak launch in Onslow County on the New River; we acquired this site and transferred it to the County for the park. Also in the mid-coast region the Coastal Land Trust has protected land along the Neuse River, the White Oak River and the Trent River, amongst others. The Great Outdoor Provision Company's Greenville store does kayak tours of many of



these places and supports the Coastal Land Trust.

If you are looking for a speedier ride than a kayak, talk to your boat dealer about a Grady White Boat. The company's manufacturing plant and headquarters are located right in Greenville, they make great boats, and they are a corporate sponsor of the Coastal Land Trust.

Morehead City's waterfront, home of the famous Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament, is a great place for your own sport fishing adventure. The Coastal Land Trust assisted the Town with a key acquisition along the waterfront here.

In the northeastern region of the coast, the Outer Banks are known for great boating and kayaking. There's so much to explore that you can get lost evidenced by the fact that pirates used to hide out in the mazes of Outer Banks islands. Legend has it that Blackbeard hid out and possibly buried treasure on Ocracoke Island where the Coastal Land Trust has a beautiful waterfront park open to the public called Springer's Point Preserve. If you are interested in exploring Ocracoke by water, Ride the Wind surf shop - near Springer's Point - offers kayak tours and rentals and supports the Coastal Land Trust. Cheryl Smith, a former Coastal Land Trust board member, recommends sailing the Outer Banks; "We have sailed from New Bern to Ocracoke more than 20 times in the past 10 years. It is absolutely beautiful to be out in the Sound and to enjoy nature. We've had dolphins swim right beside the boat on numerous occasions. Then once in Ocracoke, there is a vast amount of undeveloped area to walk and hike.³

Further north up the Outer Banks, the Coastal Land Trust has protected property on the Croatan Sound, and Kitty Hawk Sports offers kayak eco-tours for those looking to explore the area by water. Also in this region, we have protected lands along the Tar River, Pasquotank River, Alligator River, Pamlico River, Chowan River, Albemarle Sound and others. Please keep the Coastal Land Trust's land protection efforts in mind next time you are out enjoying some time out on the water! And, please consult "Paddling Eastern North Carolina" by Paul Ferguson for more information on exploring the waterways in the Coastal Land Trust's region or join a local paddling club.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Pictured are Randy Kennedy with

Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Camilla

Thanks to former board member Hannah Holt, The Pepsi Bottling Company in Wilmington, NC awarded a \$3,000 Refresh Grant to The

Refresh Project, a groundbreaking effort that funds ideas, big and small, that can refresh the world.

Through the Pepsi Refresh Project, Pepsi is awarding more than \$20 million in 2010 to fund ideas that move the world forward. At www.refresheverything.com, anyone can submit an idea and each month the public votes to determine which ideas get funded. On the local level, Pepsi bottlers are awarding more than \$1 million to fund ideas that will make a difference in

• Coastal Land Trust member Louise Coggins recently received the NC Cape Fear Region Chapter Association for Fundraising Professionals annual award for Philanthropist of the Year. Louise has been a loyal member of the Coastal Land Trust since 2004.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

One day, out of the blue, Emma Thomas, owner of The Adventure Company in Southport called the office of the Coastal Land Trust and offered to give a percentage of sales from tours conducted by her company on our priority waterways. Being skeptical, we all wondered what the catch was, but she assured us that she would take care of everything and her only request is that we list the tour information to our members. Today, we are happy to announce that we have a great partnership with Emma. Every few months she sends out an email of upcoming trips and we send the information on through our email list and post on our website. Trips usually focus on the Waccamaw River and Town Creek and occur on both weekends and weekdays. Emma and her competent staff take out novices and experienced paddlers alike. Are you interested in learning more? Sign up for our email blasts at www.coastallandtrust.org!

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Herlevich, and Bill Holt with CStore North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. The grant is part of the Pepsi

their communities.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Field Day at Five Eagle Partners. The event will feature a low country boil, oysters, retriever demonstrations as well as some added surprises this year. Visit our website for more information.

MARCH 3

Opening of BW Wells Exhibit, Cape Fear Museum, Wilmington. For more information visit www.coastallandtrust.org. or call Nancy Preston at 910-790-4524 ext. 19.

JUNE 4

Great Outdoor Provision Company "Land Trust Day" Greenville and Wilmington and BW Wells Wildflower Walk, near Burgaw. For more information visit www.coastallandtrust.org. or call Nancy Preston at 910-790-4524 ext. 19.

REMEMBER, EVENT UPDATES ARE ALWAYS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE! www.coastallandtrust.org

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2009-2010 ANNUAL **MEETING**

The Coastal Land Trust Annual Meeting was held at Poplar Grove on Friday, September 24, 2010. Prior to the meeting, a dedication was held to celebrate a land protection agreement that was placed on Poplar Grove Plantation in 2009. Poplar Grove is one of the oldest peanut plantations



Pictured are Camilla Herlevich, and Jan Lewis



Pictured are Bob Emory, and Cheryl Smith, two of our outgoing board members

SPECIAL EVENTS

in North Carolina and preserves the homestead of a successful farming family; the outbuildings and crafts are typical of a 1800s era working plantation.Opened as a museum in 1980, its mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places.

After the dedication, members and supporters joined us under the tent for dinner, a short business meeting, and an awards ceremony as we celebrated this year's accomplishments. Thanks to annual meeting sponsors Morgan Keegan and Company, RC Land Design and Maintenance, and Walmart. Also, thanks to the staff at Poplar Grove Plantation, the band Masonboro Sound, and Pine Valley Market Catering.

A PRIVATE LOOK AT ORTON/A TASTE OF CAROLINA HISTORY

On October 23rd, over 80 friends of the Coastal Land Trust came out for "A Private Look at Orton/A Taste of Carolina History" at Orton Plantation Gardens in Winnabow, NC. The weather was perfect as our guests toured the gardens and heard from our fabulous panel of guest lecturers while sampling Pine Valley Market's fine gourmet southern cuisine.

Several of our members declared that it was the best NCCLT event they had attended!

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The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust expresses our gratitude to the families, foundations, and corporations who made a gift during our fiscal year (October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010). Your support helps us fulfill our mission, protecting the beauty, history, and the natural treasures of the NC coastal plain. Thanks for your support!

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